GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF BETEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of main betel growing States in the country;

(b) whether any scheme to improve the condition of betel growers is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any Insurance Scheme to insure betel crop is proposed to be formulated;

(e) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be formulated; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The major betel growing States in the country are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar,Karnataka, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

(b)&(c): The Department is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture – supplementation/complementation of States efforts through Work Plans, from 2000-2001 where-in assistance can be availed for the establishment of demonstration plots with high yielding varieties and encouragement of bio-control agents against pest and diseases as per the needs of the States.

(d) to (f): The existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) covers only foodcrops, pulses and those commercial and horticultural crops in respect of which the yield data of the past years are available. Betel crops is not covered under the scheme. However, subsidiary companies of General Insurance Corporation of India areimplementing the insurance schemes for horticultural crops including betelvine on commercial basis.